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Fourth Annual America's Heroes Golf Tournament

This year's America's Heroes Charity Golf Tournament was held on August 11, 2009 at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club in Pebble Beach, California. 200 golfers came out to support the NPS Foundation, Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Sentinels of Freedom, and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. In the four years we have hosted this tournament for the Wounded-in-Action, we have raised over \$2,000,000.

After golfing the beautiful Shore or Dunes course of MPCC, everyone enjoyed a cocktail hour on the veranda at the club. Golfers and guests were able to bid on a variety of silent auction items, ranging from a football signed by Peyton Manning, to a week in a



Pictured above are golfers CDR Mark Schafer, Admiral Michael Mullen, Admiral Hank Mauz and Mike Chandler.

Lake Tahoe lakeside cottage.

Nearing the end of the cocktail hour, Admiral Hank Mauz announced the winners of the golf tournament and WIA Marine Tim Lang spoke to the crowd about how the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund helped him and his family move past his injuries.

This year's dinner speaker was Admiral Michael Mullen, USN, Chairman of

the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Admiral Mullen spoke to the crowd about the importance of taking care of our wounded warriors and all service members coming back from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. After

Admiral Mullen spoke, WIA Marine Josh Bleill and WIA Navy Corpsman Derek McGinnis spoke about their experiences being wounded in action.

The live auction, conducted by Gary Vandeweghe, concluded the evening. Very generous bids for the Lexus RX Hybrid SUV, Chateau Mouton Rothschild Bordeaux Wines and the Patek Philippe watch were among the live auction highlights.

The NPS Foundation would like to thank all who helped make this event a success.



Did you know that a new and improved
www.npsfoundation.org site is coming this November?

A Message from our President

Bill Warner

In the last few years, particularly under the leadership of VADM Dan Oliver, the Naval Postgraduate School's receipt of sponsored research is growing very rapidly – over 20%+ per year. In 2009, that figure will approach \$280M. According to the National Science Foundation's most recent national R&D Expenditures Survey, NPS ranked in the top 25% of institutions in total R&D expenditures. NPS also ranked within the top 30% for national science and engineering (S&E) obligations. One reason for this growth is the exceptional operational experience every student brings to NPS. This dynamic set of officers, working alongside world-renowned faculty, are a unique combination rarely matched by civilian universities. The effect can be measured in the rapid innovation of deployable solutions. At the same time, private funding is required to fulfill the promise of many of these efforts – either to extend the research in another promising area, or by filling in the gaps that often occur in government budgeting cycles. Or more simply, to provide discretionary travel money, so the research team can collaborate with other groups in the same field of study, or to carry out field experiments. We would welcome your financial support in several key areas of research – Terrorism and Irregular Warfare; Homeland Defense – protecting our Critical Infrastructure; Space Systems; and Cyberspace Security. I would welcome discussions with you on this important subject, where you can have a direct impact on the future of our national security. I can be reached at bill_warner@yahoo.com



A Message from our Executive Director

RADM Merrill Ruck, USN (Ret.)

The NPS Foundation believes strongly in the importance of getting students involved in the community as well as the importance of making their time at NPS as rewarding and stimulating as possible. During the last few months we have stepped up our efforts to become more visible to the students of the Naval Postgraduate School. Through increased student participation in our events and the growth of our Running and Cycling Clubs, student membership of the NPS Foundation has grown tremendously in the last few months. Our Running Club is now up to 150 people and our Cycling Club is up to 136 people. The clubs are comprised of students, faculty and staff of NPS, and community members, but a majority of the club memberships are held by NPS students. In addition to the clubs that the Foundation sponsors, we also continue to support NPS students through: academic awards, spouse scholarships, volunteer opportunities, and student activity programs. If you would like to learn more about ways you can meet NPS Students or get involved in student activities at the Naval Postgraduate School, please contact me at mwruck@nps.edu.





Did you know the NPS Foundation is on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn?

NPS Pathway to the Future Renovations

This fall, the Pathway to the Future area in front of Spanagel Hall at NPS will be renovated to become a beautiful showcase area for Centennial events and visitors. The current red bricks will be replaced with new granite bricks and the area will be freshly landscaped to become an inviting place to sit, relax and enjoy the beauty of the NPS Campus. This space will also play host to the Centennial time capsule that will be laid during the construction phase of the project.

All the current red bricks will be replaced with granite bricks with the original inscriptions. Foundation supporters who have already purchased bricks next to family members' bricks will still have their bricks together in the new area.

To purchase a new brick to be laid in the renovated Pathway to the Future, contact Cathy Bachl, at (831) 656-7781, chbachl@nps.edu. The bricks will be sold for \$100 to non-members and \$75 to members. Bricks are also a member gift option for Students, Faculty/Staff and Alumni who purchase lifetime memberships.

NPS Foundation Grand Winter Ball

December 5, 2009

The NPS Foundation will host a Grand Winter Ball on December 5, 2009 at Herrmann Hall on the campus of the Naval Postgraduate School. This year we'll be saluting 100 years of excellence at the Naval Postgraduate School and honoring the historic school and campus.

This black tie ball will be a revival to the glamorous Hotel Del Monte, now Herrmann Hall that now hosts the University's administration offices. The grand ballroom and hall will be decorated in a 1920's revival theme to pay homage to the grand era of the Hotel Del Monte all while celebrating the holiday season.

Limited table sponsorships are still available for this grand event. Table sponsorships are available at the \$10,000 platinum Level, \$5,000 Gold Level, and \$2,500 Silver Level. You can also purchase tickets individually for \$250 each.

For more information on purchasing a table, please contact Merrill Ruck at (831) 656-2427, mwruck@nps.edu or book online at www.npsfoundation.org.



Fall Quarterly Event - November 17, 2009 Featuring General John P. Jumper, USAF (Ret.)

Our next quarterly event will feature General John P. Jumper, USAF (Ret.).

General Jumper is a United States Air Force officer who served as Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force from September 6, 2001 to September 2, 2005. He retired from the Air Force on November 1, 2005.

He has commanded a fighter squadron, two fighter wings, a numbered Air Force, and U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Allied Air Forces Central

Europe. Prior to becoming Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the General served as Commander of Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base.

General Jumper has also served at the Pentagon as Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, as the Senior Military Assistant to two secretaries of defense, and as Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff for Roles and Missions. General Jumper also served as a command pilot with more than 5,000

flying hours, principally in fighter aircraft, including two tours in Southeast Asia, with more than 1,400 combat hours.

General Jumper will be delivering a short speech and will then attend a cocktail reception in his honor on the Herrmann Hall Quarterdeck at the NPS Foundation beginning at 5:30 pm on November 17th.

To RSVP to this event, contact the NPS Foundation at (831) 656-2339.

NPS Foundation Goes Green at the NPS Energy Fair

The NPS Foundation took part in the NPS Centennial Energy Fair on October 22, 2009. In a campus wide effort to go green and save energy, NPS planned this informational fair to educate NPS students, faculty, and staff on the latest green technology. The NPS Foundation is

also working on doing our part to go green. In our Peacock Store we offer apparel made of sustainable products such as bamboo and also offer apparel made of organic cotton. We hope to soon carry an even greater selection of green products.

Our new website will also offer us better electronic ways to communicate with members, thus cutting down on our paper usage for mailings to members. We plan on continuing to find new ways to make our office more environmentally friendly.



Honoring Robert Allan Jr., the first NPS Foundation President

The NPS Foundation regretfully announces the passing of a great NPS Foundation leader, the founding NPSFI President, Robert Moffatt Allan Jr.

The NPS Foundation was established in 1970 at the request of Superintendent RADM Robert McNitt. Robert M. Allan Jr. was elected as the first President of the Board of Trustees of the NPS Foundation. Mr. Allan graduated from Stanford University in 1942 and served in the Army Air Force as a weather adviser and attaché to General George C. Marshall during WWII. He assisted with predicting weather prior to the D-Day Invasion.

Following the war, he moved his family to Los Angeles and later the Monterey area. He was passionate about sailing and won many races near Los Angeles and Monterey. With Mr. Allan at the helm, the NPS sailing program was established. He also helped start the U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Advisory Board.

Mr. Allan served as NPS Foundation President until 1983. He continued as an Advisory Trustee until his death. Mr. Allan passed away September 11, 2009.

He will be greatly missed.



Look for improved photo galleries on the new website
for great pictures of our events!

The NPS Foundation Peacock Shop

The NPS Foundation Peacock Shop that used to be operated by the Alumni Relations Office is now being run directly out of the NPS Foundation Offices in Room 127C of Herrmann Hall on the NPS Campus.

We've come a long way since our days of only clothing items. The Peacock Shop now sells house wares, accessories and has just released an official Peacock plush toy.

This fall we plan to have a naming contest to name the NPS peacocks as well as our Peacock Plush. Watch your emails so that you can enter your favorite peacock/peahen name in the contest.



***Our NPS Peacock plush toys have
arrived! Visit us at the Peacock Shop
today!***



“People all over town notice the NPS jerseys and take note of the NPS students as a larger, more involved part of their community.”

NPS Foundation Cycling Club makes a difference in the local community

The NPS Cycling Club started with the help of Gary Laughlin and Gordon McCall over a year ago as a way to improve the presence of NPS in the local community, as well as a way to bring students from all areas of NPS together as one cohesive unit. The initial group of just a few riders has quickly grown into a group of over 130 riders representing the Navy, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force, Military spouses, NPS Faculty/Staff and Community members.

NPS Foundation Cyclists participate in a variety of races on the Monterey Peninsula and also ride every Friday wearing their NPS jerseys. People all over town notice the NPS jerseys and take note of the NPS students as a larger, more involved part of their community.

The NPS Cycling club’s community involvement has also expanded to volunteering. This year the Cyclists volunteered at the McCall Motorworks Event, where over 50 of the NPS Foundation volunteers on site were Cycling Club members. Proceeds from their volunteer efforts were then donated to the NPS Foundation and Cycling Club.

To learn more about the NPS Cycling Club, please view the Cycling Club website on www.npsfoundation.org.

NPS Foundation Fall Award Recipients



The NPS Foundation is proud to fund awards to students, faculty and staff who have achieved excellence above and beyond that of their peers. September’s graduation awards ceremony was held September 15, 2009 and honored the following student and faculty scholars:

Outstanding US Air Force Graduate — MAJ Keith A. Gibeling, USAF

Hans Jones Award — LCDR Aaron W. Park, USN

LCDR David L. Williams Faculty Award for the School of International Graduate Studies — Don Bonsper, Senior Lecturer

Hamming Award for Interdisciplinary Teaching — Thomas W. Lucas, Associate Professor, Operations Research

Kildall Award for Computer Science— LT Paul Farrell, USN and MAJ Jenny Tam, USA

Northrop Grumman Award— LCDR Jon Letourneaux, USN

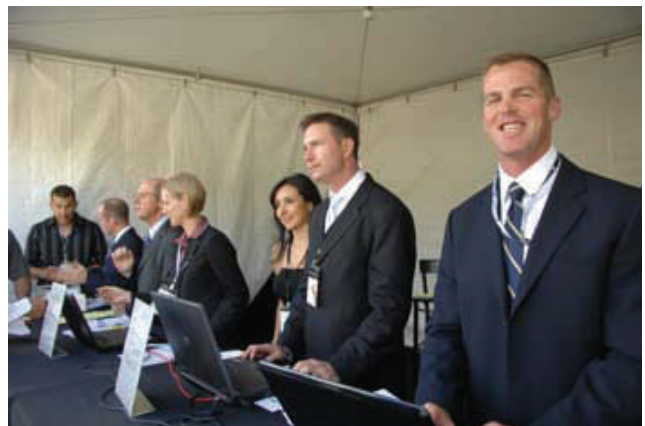
Moffett Award— LT Christina Hicks, USN (Pictured Above)

NPS Foundation Summer Event Highlights



Admiral Michael Mullen, USN, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was the speaker and guest of honor at this year's America's Heroes Charity Golf Tournament August 11, 2009

NPS Students volunteered for the second year in a row at the McCall Motorworks Event on August 12, 2009. A donation was then made to the NPS Foundation for hours worked by the students.



The NPS Foundation Cycling Club rode from Monterey to Salinas to have this photo taken with the Blue Angels when they were in town for the Salinas Air Show.



Former Secretary of Defense William Perry spoke at an NPS Foundation Luncheon in his honor on May 4, 2009.



NPSF Calendar of Events

November 5, 2009— Board of Trustees Meeting

November 17, 2009— Quarterly Event featuring General John P. Jumper, USAF

December 5, 2009— Grand Winter Ball

December 8, 2009—Graduation Awards Ceremony

December 18, 2009— Winter Graduation



Centennial Calendar of Events

April 24, 2009— Centennial Park Dedication

May 28-31, 2010—Centennial Finale Weekend

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